

Graduation Check List

Apply for Graduation by 3/27/2026 so your name is in the Commencement Book

Apply for Graduation by 4/30/2026 to be able to walk at Commencement

Reserve your 6 tickets for Commencement

Attend Grad Fair on 1/1/2026 or 1/2/2026 to pick up your cap, gown, cords, and stoles

If you cannot attend Grad Fair, pick up your cap and gown from the bookstore anytime before Commencement

Attend Senior Toast on 4/22/2026 from 5-7 PM in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms

Utilize Career Services for any of your post-graduation needs; such as LinkedIn, resume help, or mock interviews

Fill out the First Destination Survey once you know your plans for after graduation

Attend the Alumni & Professionals Employment Fair on 5/20/2026 from 5-7 PM in Curtiss Hall Banquet rooms

Commencement Check List

- Reserve your tickets for Commencement
- Get to Ryder Center 90 minutes early, and check in behind the stage in the arena
- Enter at the west fieldhouse entrance. From Lot E, follow the sidewalk against the fieldhouse until it ends
- It is strongly encouraged for guests and graduates to NOT bring a bag into the arena. All bags will be checked
- Do NOT bring valuables (coats, purses) with you. There is no place to store them
- The best time to take personal photos is 2 hours before or immediately after the ceremony
- Your official diploma will be mailed to you in the summer after a final degree audit
- A cap and gown are required to participate in the ceremony
- Doors open for guests to arrive 90 minutes before the ceremony
- Guest seating is first come, first serve
- Guests MUST have a ticket to enter
- Guests who cannot attend the ceremony can watch the live stream online at svsu.edu/graduate